



City of Cincinnati

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City Demolishes Blighted Building

Westwood celebrates removal of neighborhood eyesore

Today, the City of Cincinnati demolished a large apartment building among cheers from Westwood community activists. Located at 3100 McHenry Avenue, this building has been a location associated with crime, police runs and blight for a number of years.

The building was condemned in late 2006. After exhausting code enforcement efforts, the building was declared a public nuisance as a result of a public hearing in 2007 at which many Westwood residents testified.

This neighborhood eyesore is the first of several buildings to be removed as part of a larger effort in Westwood to eliminate vacant buildings in high visibility areas through demolition. This effort is part of the City's Hazard Abatement Program, whose mission is to eliminate hazardous buildings from neighborhoods.

In 2007, over 90 dilapidated vacant buildings were demolished, 49 of which were located in Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) areas. NEP areas have included Over the Rhine, Price Hill, Avondale, Northside, Clifton Heights/University Heights/Fairview and most recently, Westwood. "This is a great day for Westwood", said Jim McNulty, President of the Westwood Civic Association. "We are triumphant to celebrate this long awaited victory at removing a major trouble spot in our community".

In the coming weeks and throughout the Westwood NEP, blighted buildings will be demolished to make a visible positive impact on the quality of life and safety in Westwood.

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